

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF MOTHER BEULAH MAXWELL

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life and legacy of an extraordinary woman who held her family together through strength and prayer: Mother Beulah Maxwell.

Mother Beulah was the mother of my late wife of 37 years and my beloved mother-in-law. She was a rock of inspiration, wisdom, and confirmation to me.

The daughter of Lorraine Oliver and Leo Dewitt, Mother Beulah was born April 20, 1934 in Memphis, Tennessee and graduated from Fayette County Training High School in 1952, later known as Fayette Ware High School. Mother Beulah made friends everywhere she went and found Christ at the early age at Beulah Baptist Church, where she remained a loyal member for 60 years. She had four children: Carolyn, Vanesa, Kenneth, and Stephanie. She deeply loved her children and raised them to be upstanding citizens who valued community and service. Mother Beulah was active in the community as a church leader and as a Boy Scout leader—she was a constant presence in her children's lives.

As the matriarch of the family, Mother Beulah extended her support to family members, including myself and my late wife, Carolyn.

Mother Beulah worked as a school bus driver for nearly 15 years and proudly served the children of Shelby County—never once receiving a moving violation. Later, she would live in the care of her family in both Chicago and Memphis.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Frank Maxwell; and her daughter, Carolyn Rush. She is survived by her sister, Lizzy Stevenson; daughters, Vanessa Dennis and Stephanie Lemon; her son, Kenneth Shields—and grandchildren in addition to several great-grandchildren.

My thoughts and prayers are with Mother Beulah's family and with all who loved and were impacted by her.

IN RECOGNITION OF VANESSA FLUKER

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Vanessa Fluker, a Detroit resident and our guardian for housing rights, as she begins her positions of Attorney General and Law Commissioner of the Maipuri Arauan Nation.

Vanessa Fluker has been practicing law for more than a decade in Michigan. We call her the "People's Lawyer" for tremendous amount of pro-bono work she provides on behalf of Detroit's working families. With a long record of court victories, she continues to fight to stop illegal evictions and uses her experience to change policies that hurt our most vulnerable. Attorney Fluker has also launched a campaign against predatory lending practices and real estate scams that target our communities. Her work has been recognized in the halls of Congress as she was asked to testify before the 111th Congress' Judiciary and the 116th Congress' Financial Services Committees. She has also been awarded the Harriet Tubman Award in 2010, the Golden Gavel Award from the Wolverine Bar Association in 2011, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from United Community Housing Coalition in 2012.

I am proud to have worked along her side as a young college student and later fighting with her for housing justice. Michigan's 13th District is indebted to her for protecting us from predatory lending practices and abusive habits of mortgage companies.

Vanessa Fluker's appointment as the Attorney General and Law Commissioner for the Maipuri Arauan Nation is a reflection of her hard work and commitment to her community. Please join me in recognizing Vanessa Fluker and congratulate her on the next journey to seeking justice for all.

RECOGNIZING THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE AND HISTORY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, which held a virtual festival on February 19, 2022, in celebration of Black History Month.

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History was established on September 9, 1915, by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a historian and journalist who is regarded as the father of Black History Month. The Association's mission is to promote, research, preserve, interpret and disseminate information about Black life, history and culture to the global community.

The Association hosts events every February honoring the lives and accomplishments of great Black men and women throughout history. It also publishes journals and magazines, including the Journal of African American History, which showcases original scholarly articles on all aspects of the African American experience.

The theme for the Association's festival celebrating Black History Month this year is

Black Health and Wellness. This theme acknowledges not only the legacy of Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of healing used throughout the African Diaspora. This year's theme considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have carried out to be healthy.

Madam Speaker, again, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Association for the Study of African American Life and History and its vital role in establishing Black History Month.

IN HONOR OF DETECTIVE DANNY NG, UNITED STATES PARK POLICE

HON. NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Danny Ng, a detective with the Department of the Interior, United States Park Police, who is retiring on February 26, 2022, after twenty-seven years of federal service. Mr. Ng is the first Asian American to serve as a detective investigator within the New York Field Office of the U.S. Park Police.

In July 1994, Detective Danny Ng began his federal law enforcement career in the United States Customs, New York Field Office, and was assigned to JFK Int'l Airport. On January 26, 1997, Danny Ng was sworn in as a U.S. Park Police Officer assigned to Rock Creek Park Station, Washington, DC.

In 1998, Detective Ng transferred to the New York Regional office of the United States Park Police and patrolled the National Park Service lands within the confines of Staten Island, Brooklyn, and Queens as well as Manhattan iconic sites: the Statue of Liberty and Federal Hall. In November 2009, Mr. Ng was promoted to detective and was assigned to the New York Field Office, Criminal Investigations Branch where he investigated felony and violent crimes in Staten Island, Brooklyn and Queens. As the senior detective, Detective Ng, trained and mentored new officers and detectives.

Detective Ng participated and earned recognition in the following high-profile investigations: The September 11, 2001 World Trade Center attacks; Flight 587 plane crash in Rockaway, Queens as well as other unit citation awards. Detective Ng also was detailed to Washington D.C. on occasions where he served as a protection officer for several Presidential Inaugurations including the Inauguration of former President Donald J. Trump.

Mr. Danny Ng is also a 25-year member and former NYS Trustee of the Fraternal Order of Police, USPP Lodge.

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RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF KHOJALY TRAGEDY

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise on another somber day of remembrance of the Khojaly tragedy which occurred on February 26, 1992, 30 years ago. I am here once again to acknowledge this historic tragedy and commemorate the lives lost that day.

Azerbaijan is an area of unlimited potential and the Azerbaijanis have carved out a remarkable society and a stable government after decades of struggle under Soviet rule. This success was not achieved without struggle.

From its oppressive governance and collapse the Soviets created conflict in several regions. For Azerbaijan, problems with neighboring Armenia erupted into the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. In this initial conflict, one notable tragic incident occurred on February 26, 1992.

In the town of Khojaly in the Karabakh region, civilian Azeris were subjected to indiscriminate shelling and targeting. From these attacks it is reported that up to 613 civilians died with more wounded and taken hostage.

We cannot change what happened but we can remember the victims and remind the world that the targeting of civilians is never acceptable. We must learn from the past as we continue to pursue a peaceful resolution to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict which continues today. The U.S. advocates for a peace which honors the memory of those who perished at Khojaly so no one will suffer the same fate.

Madam Speaker, today we solemnly remember the Khojaly victims and we will keep them in our hearts and minds as we foster a strong working relationship between our two countries and pursue a peaceful and fair resolution to the conflict.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF ANN D. CARLSON

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of my constituent and friend Ann D. Carlson, who is retiring from her position as the Mendocino National Forest Supervisor after 33 years of federal service. I had the privilege of working with Ann to ensure our National Forests in California were healthy and effectively managed.

Ann began her career at Tahoe National Forest serving as a fish biologist, where she conducted stream surveys, built partnerships with local groups to provide aquatic restoration opportunities, environmental education and improved fishing, including coordinating kids fishing events. After 13 years of improving fish habitat and community relations, Ann took her skills to Missoula, Montana to work as the R1 Regional Aquatic Ecologist. Following her time in Montana, Ann was detailed to South Dakota as Acting District Ranger for Buffalo Gap National Grasslands and then to Boise as Acting

Deputy Forest Supervisor at the Boise National Forest. She then went onto Lassen National Forest in California to serve as the Eagle Lake District Ranger. In addition, she was also detailed to Modoc and Sequoia National Forests as Acting Forest Supervisor.

Ann concluded her career while serving as Forest Supervisor at Mendocino National Forest. At Mendocino National Forest, Ann tirelessly worked on wildfire prevention and forest management to protect the communities who are frequently impacted by forest fires. Ann was critically important for disaster response and forest recovery efforts to numerous conflagrations including the 2019 Complex Fire. Throughout her career Ann supplemented her work with additional training programs, such as participating in the Senior Leadership Program (SLP6) in 2009 to learn more about common and emerging leadership and management issues while developing strategies for effective change.

Beyond Ann's passion for our National Forests, she is also very active and enjoys traveling and outdoor activities including biking, running, cross-country skiing, fly fishing and hiking. The same year that she participated in Senior Leadership Program she also completed the New York Marathon—what an achievement. Ann is also a dedicated mother, when she began her career she had not accrued enough leave and had to bring her daughter, Tess, into the office and field. I'm sure this contributed to Tess's love for the outdoors just like her mom.

I congratulate Ann on her prestigious career with the United States Forest Service and wish her well in retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES COLORED TROOPS CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the United States Colored Troops Congressional Gold Medal Act, which would award the Congressional Gold Medal to the African Americans who served with Union forces during the Civil War. Approximately 200,000 African American men served in the Union Army and 19,000 African American men served in the Union Navy. I am proud to present this overdue expression of our national appreciation for these remarkable individuals. Senator CORY BOOKER has introduced the companion bill.

Since the colonial era, African Americans have served the United States in times of war.

While African American men served in the Navy since its establishment, there was resistance to enlisting them to take up arms for the Union Army at the start of the Civil War. It was not until January 1, 1863, when President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, that the Union Army was ordered to receive African American men. On May 22, 1863, the United States War Department issued General Order Number 143, which established the Bureau of Colored Troops for the recruitment and organization of regiments of the Union Army composed of African American men, called the United States Colored Troops (USCT). Lead-

ers such as Frederick Douglass encouraged African Americans to enlist to advance the cause of citizenship: "Once let the [B]lack man get upon his person the brass letter, 'U.S.,' let him get an eagle on his button, and a musket on his shoulder and bullets in his pocket, there is no power on [E]arth that can deny that he has earned the right to citizenship," wrote Douglass.

African American sailors constituted a significant segment of the Union Navy, making up 20 percent of the Navy's total enlisted force. Although there were rank restrictions on African Americans in the Navy before the Civil War, this policy changed after the establishment of the USCT, when the Union Navy started to compete with the Union Army for enlistment of African Americans. Yet, in practice, most African Americans could not advance beyond the lowest ranks of "boy" and "landsman." In the Union Army, USCT fought at Milliken's Bend, Louisiana; in Petersburg, Virginia; and in Nashville, Tennessee, among other sites. The USCT at first were paid less, were given used uniforms and poor equipment and could never become officers. Many USCT were assigned as guards on fortifications throughout the Union, including the Defenses of Washington, which, by 1865, was one of the most heavily fortified cities in the world. During the Civil War, African American women were not allowed to formally enlist as soldiers or sailors, though they served as nurses, cooks, spies and scouts for the Union Army and the Union Navy.

For generations after the Civil War, the contributions of the African Americans who served with Union forces were excluded from historical memory. Not until Public Law No. 102-412, which I sponsored and which authorized the establishment of a memorial on federal land to honor African Americans who served with Union forces during the Civil War, were they officially commemorated. This memorial, located in the District of Columbia, features a bronze statue of soldiers, an African American sailor and family, and is surrounded by The Wall of Freedom, which lists the names of the members of the USCT.

Patriots and heroes who rose in service to a nation that would not fully recognize them, the African Americans who served the Union during the Civil War deserve our recognition for their contributions to the grant of emancipation and citizenship for nearly four million enslaved people and to the preservation of the Union.

CELEBRATING COOPER KUPP'S VICTORY IN SUPER BOWL LVI

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of Central Washington's native sons on his remarkable accomplishments, and to commend him on his sportsmanship, character, and honorable representation of his community. From his time as a student athlete at Davis High School in Yakima to his impressive career at Eastern Washington University to leading the Los Angeles Rams to a show-stopping win and being named MVP at Super Bowl LVI, Cooper Kupp